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THE HOLY QURAN ON PEACE

1."He is Allah, and there is no God beside Him, the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Source of Peace, the Bestower of Security,The Protector, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Exalted. Holy is Allah far above that which they associate (with Him)."(59:24)
2."There has come to you indeed from Allah a Light and clear Book.Thereby does Allah guide those who seek His pleasure on the paths of Peace, and leads them out of every kind of darkness into light by His will, and guides them to the right path."(5:16,17)
3."And Allah calls to the abode of peace, and guides whom He pleases to the straight path." (10: 26)
4."Permission(to fight) is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged-And Allah indeed has power to help them-

Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said, 'Our Lord is Allah'-And if Allah did not repel some men by means of others, there would surely have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated. And Allah will surely help one who helps Him.Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty."(22:40, 41)
5."And the recompense of an injury is a penalty the like thereof; but whoso forgives and his act brings about reformation, his reward is with God. Surely, He loves not the wrongdoers."(42:41)
6."And if they incline towards peace, incline thou also towards it, and put thy trust in Allah.Surely, it is He Who is All-hearing, All-Knowing. And if they intend to deceive thee,then surely Allah is sufficient for thee.He it is who has strengthened thee with His help and with the believers."(8: 62,63)

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SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, PEACE BE ON HIM

It is the most true and sound principle that to be saved from sins, man requires a certain knowledge of God and not any redemption. I say to you truly that if the people of Noah had the perfect knowledge which generates the fear of God, they would not have been drowned, and if the people of Lot had fully recognized their Lord, they would not have been stoned to death, and if the people of this country had been granted the true knowledge of God which makes one tremble at the idea of a transgression of His Commandments, it would not have been thus destroyed with the plague.But a deficient knowledge cannot avail in the least, for vain is the love which is not perfect, and vain is the fear which is not perfect, and vain is the faith which is not perfect.If you do not take food in a sufficient quantity, it would not sustain you, and if the full doses of medicine is not administered, it would not do any good.One grain cannot satisfy your hunger, nor one drop of water quench your thirst.How can you then, O ye of little knowledge and slow in the search of truth, how can you hope to be the recipients of the vast blessings and unmeasured grace of God by a little knowledge and a little love and a little fear?It is His knowledge to purify from sins and to fill your hearts with His love and awe, and He has established the law that all this is granted after a man has attained to certainty in His knowledge, for knowledge is the root from which love and fear spring.(Lecture Lahore,September 3,1904)

EXCERPTS FROM THE SERMON OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III
DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1969.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may Allah strengthen him with His succor, recited chapter Fateha and said that the world was conspiring in different ways and means-internal as well as external ones-to weaken Islam and to efface the glory of the Holy Prophet Muhammad,peace be on him.But Allah has appointed our Jamaat to contend and confront such onslaughts.When we see ourselves we find ourselves very weak and helpless.So we have no option but to pray and rely on our Allah,the Almighty.That is why last year,Hazrat said, he had asked the members to say daily at least for one year:"Subhanallahi wa bihamdihee subhanallahil 'azeem allahomma salli 'ala Mohammadin wa aali Muhammadin" 200 times(25 years and above),100 times(15-25),33 times(7-15) 3 times(less than 7).Then later on he asked the members to say "astaghfirollah" 100 times(25 years and above),33 times(15-25),and 11 times(less than 15).Then later on Hazrat asked, without fixing the number, to pray abundantly"Rabbana kollo shai in khadimoka rabbana fahfazna wansorna warhamna",which means Our Lord every thing is your servant.Our Lord! Protect us and help us and show mercy to us.

Firstly Hazrat asked not to discontinue the first prayer.Rather the present circumstances required to pray more than before.The least number would be the same. But those who could pray more by the Grace of Allah should do more.

Hazrat wanted to add to the previous prayers the following one:"Rabbana afrigh 'alainaa sabran wa thabbit aqdaamana wansorna 'alal qaumil kafireen"(2:251)It means: O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people."

Elaborating the meanings of 'sabr',(steadfastness) Hazrat said (1)it means to abide by the commands of God (2) and avoid from prohibitions.(3)It teaches not to lose heart in front of difficulties and troubles, rather face them courageously.(4) It points that one will be tried and tested.So one should try to succeed and not to fail in those odds.(5)It requires to control our tongue, speak properly and not to speak at all where silence is required.(6)It also signifies to wait patiently and not to show impatience.So Allah has asked us to say,"O our Lord, grant us patience to wait for the fulfillment of Your promises as You are the True one.You have decided to make Islam victorious in the world and to create love of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him,and his greatness in the minds of all mankind.Your this heavenly decision will certainly be fulfilled at its time.We will be tested for that and we will be required to strive hard and pass through different trials and difficulties. We will have to devise means and plan against such plots and intrigues as are being made against the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. So our Lord, grant us patience all the time, in all the circumstances and in all the situations.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih quoted various verses of the Holy Quran to prove the truth of the above-mentioned meanings. Then he asked the members to keep these meanings in view and pray daily the last prayer as well 33 times. It will prove,Insha Allah beneficial for Islam. A vast and deep plot has been made against Islam.It is, therefore, our duty to implore the help of God so that we may be able bear all these responsibilities patiently and to nullify the intrigues by His Grace and by complete manifestation of His Might.

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POEM WRITTEN BY THE CHIEF MISSIONARY MAQBOOL A.QURESHI

1.We get up at the dead of night
when all the world in s l e e p
2.And pray to Him who hears all
the prayers when do we weep
3.When our hearts do bleed for Him
and true Islam like s h e e p
4.Sacrificed, with pious hearts
who always try to k e e p
5.Up the promise and the pledge
and never take them cheap
6.We offer thus our heart of hearts
to Him who does not sleep
7.Who blesses us through our prayer
and guards us while a s l e e p
8.Who draws well-nigh to us who wake
inspired watch to k e e p
9.Who changes our nights to days
and tears to fount of love so deep
10.Maqbool be one of those who dive
to pick up p e a r l s from deep

R A B W A H 'S N E W S

1.Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's general health, by the Grace of Allah, is all right.But Hazrat is a little indisposed because of precautionary injection against typhoid. Members are requested to keep on praying for his complete health & long long life.
2.Hazrat Nawab Mubaraka Begum is suffering occasionally from general weakness, headache and weakness of the heart.Members should pray for her complete and speedy recovery.
3.Hazrat Syeda Mansurah Begum wife of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III is also indisposed because of the precautionary injection against typhoid fever.Members are requested to pray for her complete health.
4.Wife of late Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, may God be pleased with him, is suffering from sleeplessness and unrest. Members should pray for her speedy recovery.
5. Another new missionary Maulvi Sultan Ahmad left Rabwah on March 26,69, for the propagation of Islam abroad.Members should pray that God may enable him to serve Islam and Ahmadiyyat in the best way.
6.Jamia Ahmadiyya, our missionary training college, held annual competition of speeches and essay writing in Arabic, Urdu and English languages. Those who stood first and second were awarded by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih himself later on.
7.April is declared a Cleanliness month by the Central Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, All Majalis have been asked to chart a program and act accordingly and report.
8.By the Grace of God our Jamaat in Mauritius held its Annual Gathering on January 4 and 5,1969, successfully. Alhamdo lillah.

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ANNUAL GATHERING OF KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA

All members of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya are informed herewith that their annual GATHERING is being held, Insha Allah, at Dayton Mosque, Dayton, on April 25,26, & 27,1969. The prodeedings will start after Friday Prayers. Members should try to attend Friday prayers at 1.30 p.m. It is expected that every member will try to make this Gathering a great success.May Allah make this Gathering a foundation stone for the progress of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya organisation and for Jamaat! Amen.

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NEWS OF AHMADIYYA AMERICAN MISSIONS IN U.S.A.

1.New York Mission: Members are meeting regularly on Fridays and Sundays.They are holding a special Meeting for Propagation on April 20,1969.May Allah make it a great success.Sis.Saeeda Lateef was hospitalised and had surgery.She has recuperated and came home. Alhamdo lillah.Members should pray for her complete recovery.
2.Boston Mission:Br.Abid Haneef, the Ameer was entrusted with a special duty, which he performed well.May Allah bless him and grant him health to serve Islam.
3.Cleveland Mission:Regular meetings on Fridays and Sundays are being held.A special meeting for Propagation is being arranged at Y.M.C.A. on April 20,1969.May Allah make it a means to further the cause of Islam in that region.It is a matter of gratification that office-holders are active and regular and the mission has become regular in sending report and subscriptions to Washington.
4.Philadelphia Mission: Members meet regularly on Fridays and Sundays.
Dayton Mission:Friday and Sunday meetings are being held regularly.Business meeting of members and office-holders was held on April 14,1969.Office-holders submitted their reports of activities, out of which fund raising function,sale of literature, visiting the patients, seeking work for jobless members, collection of monthly subscription, Mosque fund, Ahmadiyya Gazette, were worth mentioning.The Mosque and its environment were kept clean.
5. Office-holders of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya(Nationaly gathered together and held a meeting at Baltimore on Sunday March 30,1969, and mapped out a national program for branches. Similarly the program for the Annual Meeting at Dayton was also planned. May Allah fructify their efforts!
6.Lajna Imaullah's financial report reveals that they are active in the fields of monthly subscriptions, Ayesha and Mosque fund.

7. This month two persons joined the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. One of them is from Washington,D.C. and the other from New Westminister,B.C.Canada.May Allah bless them and grant them steadfastness!

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

1.I have been announcing about the approach of deadline for Fazli Omar Foundation pledges and about striving hard to pay before April 30.But I am sorry to know that the response is not encouraging.The members are requested not to wait for the last moment, i.e. June 30. Rather they should try their best to fulfill this obligation at the earliest. Jazakumullah.

2.Umara(plural of Ameer) are requested to send their reports(monthly) regularly, nat later than 10th of every month, so that their activities be included in the Gazette.

3.All missions should pay attention to the payment of the books "The Teachings of Islam", $12.50 per hundred at the earliest. Jazakummllah.

4.Ahmadiyya Muslim Calendar for 1969 is available from all missionaries and Ameers. Members are requested to buy it.

5.Members who want to buy "The Review of Religions", or "Tahriki Jadid Monthly", or "Muslim Herald" of London Mission, should inform the Chief Missionary. Annual subscriptions are dollars three, one and 3.50 respectively.

6.ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY written by former missionary of Dayton, Major Abdul Hamid is out.Members are strongly requested to buy it and present it to non-Muslims.It can be had from the Secretary Br.Syed Jawad Ali, Washington, D.C. for $3.75 only.

7.Members are requested to be regular in their subscriptions of the Month, of Wasiyyat, of TAHRIKI JADID, of Waqfi Jadid, or other pledges which they have made. Jazakumullah !

8. AHMADIYYA GAZETTE is being sent to all the members, including new Converts. Those who do not receive should inform the Chief Missionary of their correct addresses. Umara should see personally that all are receiving it.

9.SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AHMADIYYA GAZETTE for the new year :$2.50 per annum or donation will help its publication. Jazakumullah !

10. Chief Missionary wants to publish an album of Ahmadiyya missions in United States of America at the occasion of Annual Convention.Umara should arrange to have group photos of members along with mission house, if any. Other souvenir pictures of former occasions and missionaries will also be accepted gratefully.Umara should send such photos up to the end of May. Jazakummllah.

11. Our Annual Convention is approaching. Members are requested to submit their suggestions and plans for its improvement.

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TRANSLATION OF AN URDU VERSE WRITTEN BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH.

FROM THE HEAD UP TO MY TOE
MY DEAR IS HIDDEN IN ME, SO
O MY ENEMY BE AWARE
ATTACK UPON ME WITH THE CARE

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